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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND METHOD OF
PRODUCTION OF SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 11, 2008.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1 to 7 drawn to a method of production of grain-oriented electrical steel sheet.

This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional patent application directed to non-elected product claims 8 to 12.

This election is made with traverse because under PCT unity of invention rules in 37 C.F.R. §1.475(b)(1), the claims of the present application are directed to a